

Date/Time Stamp:

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

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Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within 30 days of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☒ The original *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), **AND**
☒ A copy of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)
 Progressive Policy Institute (PPI)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all):

April 17 - 22, 2017

Travel date(s):

N/A

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING DID NOT INCREASE DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	\$1350	\$770	\$400	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate				
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): See Attached Itinerary.

5/16/17
(Date)Vigilio Barveria
(Printed name of traveler)
(Signature of traveler)**TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:**

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

5/16/2017
(Date)
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

2017 PPI Mission to Europe Agenda

Monday, April 17

4:15PM Arrive at Washington Dulles International Airport
1 Saarinen Cir, Dulles, VA 20166

6:15PM Flight Departs for Paris-Charles de Gaulle

Tuesday, April 18

7:45AM Arrive at Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport
95700 Roissy-en-France

8:15AM Airport Shuttle Pickup for Arriving Guests.
Jana Plat will be waiting - 805-207-5741

9:45AM Arrive at Hotel
Hilton Paris Opera
108 Rue Saint-Lazare, 75008 Paris

11:45AM Meet in Hotel Lobby, Depart for Meeting

12PM-2PM Lunch Meeting with Terra Nova, Google, Facebook, Apple, Cisco, &
Tech In France
Discussion on the state of the French economy and its impact on US-France trade relationship and US business operating in France
Google
8 Rue de Londres, 75009 Paris

2PM-3:30PM Meeting with Quai d'Orsay Policy Planning Team
Discussion on policy priorities of current French government and its effects on US economic and security cooperation
Number 37 Quai d'Orsay, 75007 Paris

4:15PM-5:15PM Meeting with the U.S. Embassy
Discussion on US-France foreign relations and US priorities
2 Avenue Gabriel, 75008 Paris, France

6:30PM-10PM Dinner with Laurence Haim, Spokesperson for International Affairs
for Emmanuel Macron, Candidate for the French Presidency
Discussion on the French presidential election, the rise of Western populism, and what it means for the future of US-France foreign relations
Lapérouse
51 Quai des Grands Augustins, 75006 Paris

Wednesday, April 19

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7:00AM-8:00AM	Breakfast at Hotel
8:15AM	Meet in Hotel Lobby, Depart for Meeting <i>Bring luggage to the lobby</i>
9AM-11AM	Meetings with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) <i>Workshop discussions on Base-Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) tax principles, cybersecurity, & terrorism financing. The US is a member country of the OECD.</i> OECD, 2, rue André Pascal 75775 Paris Cedex 16
12:10PM	Arrive at Paris Gare du Nord Train Station <i>Lunch</i> 18 Rue de Dunkerque, 75010 Paris
12:25PM	Train Departs Paris Gare du Nord 18 Rue de Dunkerque, 75010 Paris
1:50PM	Train Arrives at Brussels South Railway Station Avenue Fonsny 47B, 1060 Brussels
2:15PM	Arrive at Hotel Hilton Brussels City Place Charles Rogier 20, 1210 Brussels
2:50PM	Meet in Hotel Lobby, Depart for Meeting
3:15PM-4:00PM	Meeting with Hiddo Houben, Head of Division at European Commission <i>Discussion on the future of the European Union and how it may alter US foreign policy in Europe</i> Le Charlemagne, 1000 Brussels
4:30PM-5:30PM	Meeting with European Parliament Leaders <i>Discussion on transatlantic cooperation, EU government structure, and how it compares to the US legislative process and policy priorities in Congress</i> Rue Wiertz 60, 1047 Brussels
5:30PM-7PM	Reception with European Parliament Staff <i>Networking with EU staff counterparts</i> Quartier Leopold Brasserie-Bar-Restaurant 9, Place du Luxembourg 1050 Brussels
7:30PM-10PM	Dinner with POLITICO EU Ryan Heath, Senior EU Correspondent, and Bennet Richardson, Executive Director of Advertising & Business Development

Discussion on the similarities and differences of the media's impact on government in the EU and US
La Maison du Cygne
Grand Place 9, 1000 Brussels

Thursday, April 20

7AM-8:00AM	Breakfast at Hotel
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8:30AM-9:45AM	Meeting with Tax Attachés to the EU from Ireland, Luxembourg & Netherlands <i>Discussion on EU State-Aid cases, tax ruling practices of Member States and how they impact the US Treasury</i> Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands Avenue de Cortenbergh 4-10, 1000 Brussels
10AM-11AM	Meeting with the Directorate General for Trade of the European Commission (DG Trade) <i>Discussion on the status and future of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (T-TIP), the major US-EU trade agreement</i> Christian Burgsmuller, Member of Cabinet European Commission Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200 1049 Brussels
11AM-12PM	Meeting with the Directorate General for Competition (DG Competition) Carles Esteve Mosso, Deputy-Director General <i>Discussion on EU competition and anti-trust policy, the current investigations of US technology companies and their impact on the US economy</i> European Commission Place Madou 1, 1210 Saint-Josse-ten-Noode Brussels
12:15PM-2PM	Lunch with European External Action Service Anna Carin Krokst�de, Chair, Council Working Party on Transatlantic Relations (COTRA), Deputy Head of Division, United States and Canada Division <i>Discussion on transatlantic relations and US foreign policy initiatives in Europe</i> Parkside Brasserie, Avenue de la Joyeuse Entree 24, 1040 Brussels
2PM	Depart for Brussels Airport Leopoldlaan, 1930 Zaventem
4:20PM	Flight Departs Brussels
6PM	Flight Arrives in Berlin-Tegel Airport

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13405 Berlin

- 6:30PM Arrive at Hotel
Hilton Berlin
Mohrenstraße 30, 10117 Berlin
- 7:15PM Meet in Hotel Lobby, Depart for Dinner
- 7:30PM-10PM Dinner with Torsten Riecke, International Correspondent, Handelsblatt; Dr. Philipp Steinberg (Head of Department for Economic Policy, Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy); Ole Funke (Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sigmar Gabriel); and Ralf Bammerlin (Head of Planning Unit of the SPD Parliamentary Group)
Discussion on geopolitical implications of the upcoming German elections, migration, and rise of western populism. What the new German & American governments will mean for US-Germany foreign and economic relations.
Borchardt
Französische Straße 47, 10117 Berlin

Friday, April 21

- 8AM-8:45AM Breakfast at Hotel
- 8:45AM Meet in Hotel Lobby, Depart for Meeting
- 9AM-10:30AM Press Briefing with German Journalists
Discussion on US-German relations in the Trump era
Das Progressive Zentrum (DPZ)
Werftstraße 3, 10557 Berlin
- 10:45AM-12:00PM Guided tour of the German Bundestag (Reichstag Building), Brandenburg Gate, & Holocaust Memorial
Lesson on German government structure, how its history impacts today's political environment, and how its process compares to Congress and US federal government
Platz der Republik 1, 11011 Berlin
- 12:15PM-2PM Lunch Meeting with Omid Nouripour, MP (Spokesperson for Foreign Policy of the Parliamentary Group of Bündnis 90 / Die Grünen)
Discussion on German-EU affairs and relations with the US
Axel Springer Haus, Journalisten Club, Axel-Springer-Straße 65, 10888 Berlin
- 2:15PM-3:15PM Meeting with the Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy
Dr. Thorsten Kaseberg, Head of Unit – Legal framework for digital services, media industry
Discussions on differences in US-German regulatory approaches to digital platforms and combatting fake news

Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy, Hannoversche Str.
28-30, 10115 Berlin

4PM-7:15PM

Farewell Reception with PPI & DPZ
*Trip debrief and wrap-up discussion on what impact European and
Member State policymaking will have on Congressional policy
priorities*
Das Progressive Zentrum
Werftstraße 3, 10557 Berlin

Saturday, April 22

7:55AM

Arrive at Berlin-Tegel Airport
13405 Berlin

9:55AM

Flight Departs for Washington, D.C.

3:45PM

Flight Arrives at Washington Dulles International Airport
1 Saarinen Cir, Dulles, VA 20166

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EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Date/Time Stamp:

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220**. Incomplete and late travel submissions will **not** be considered or approved. This form **must** be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at ethics.senate.gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

Name of Traveler: Virgilio Barrera

Employing Office/Committee: Senator Martin Heinrich

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Progressive Policy Institute

Travel date(s): April 17 to April 22, 2017

*Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.*

Destination(s): Paris, France; Brussels, Belgium; Berlin, Germany

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

This trip is meant to educate staff on issues related to U.S. - EU relations, including concerns with security, tax and trade. As Legislative Director, Virgilio provides my office and me counsel on these issues.

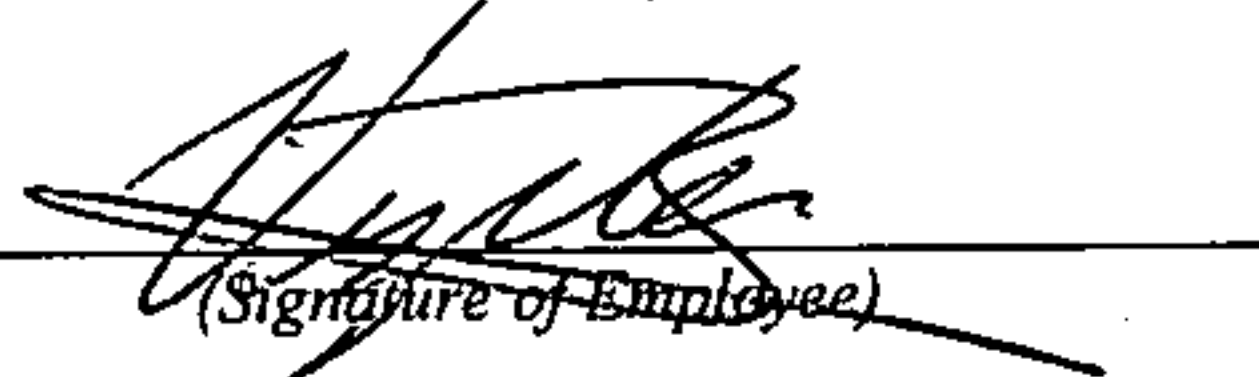
Name of accompanying family member (if any): N/A

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:

3-17-17

(Date)


(Signature of Employee)

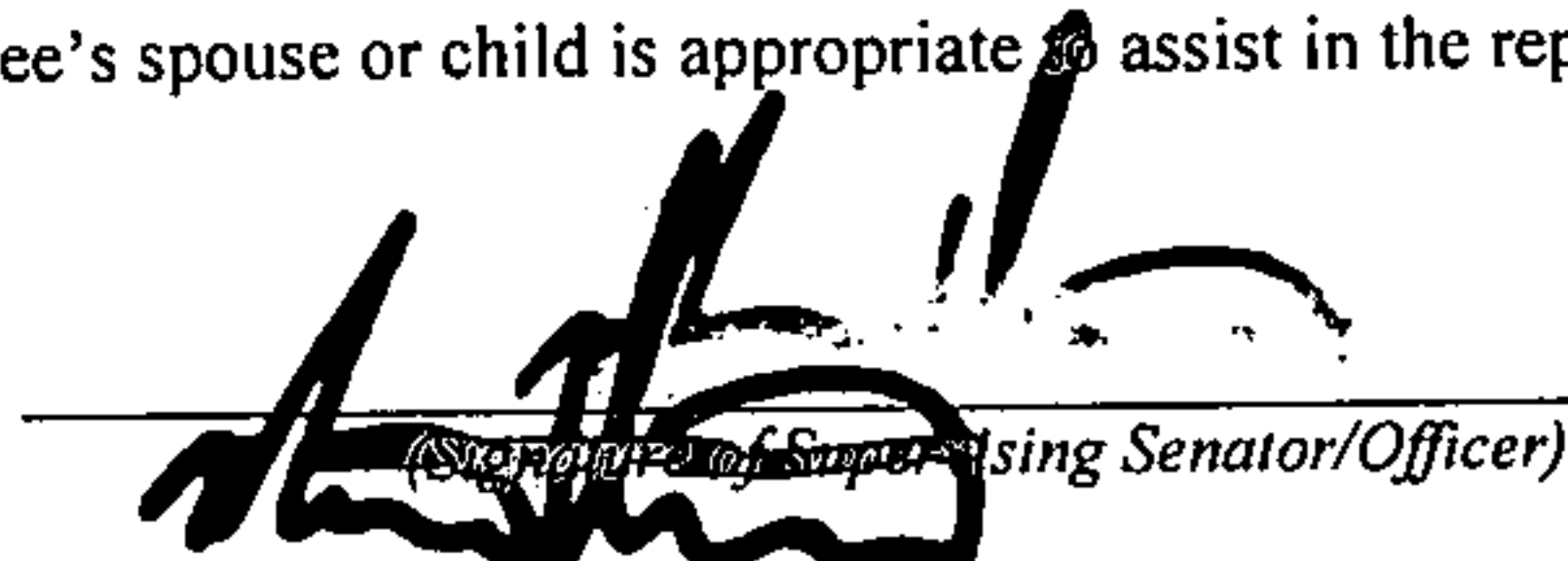
TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

I, Martin Heinrich hereby authorize Virgilio Barrera
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box) ☐

(Date)


(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should NOT submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): The Progressive Policy Institute (PPI)
2. Description of the trip: To inform US congressional staff about issues related to the US-EU relationship from a European perspective, including concerns with security, tax, trade, privacy, competition.
3. Dates of travel: April 17, 2017 to April 22, 2017
4. Place of travel: Paris, France; Brussels, Belgium; Berlin, Germany
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: Please see attached.
6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:
 - ☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.
 - OR -
 - ☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
 - AND -
 - ☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I *certify* that:
 - ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.
 - AND -
 - ☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

~~OR~~

☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

~~OR~~

☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

This is the sixth year PPI has organized this trip. This is the fourth year including congressional staff with the intent to inform them about issues straining the US-EU relationship, including competition policy, privacy law, security cooperation, transatlantic trade, and the impacts of our political situations on our futures.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

PPI has more than 25 years of work on domestic and international policy. Our mission is to identify how Europe and the U.S. can work together to ensure that rules related to common issues are better harmonized and the economic growth and prosperity we create together is appreciated and shared.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

PPI has sponsored congressional travel to New Orleans in 2001, New York City in 2015, and to Europe in 2014, 2015, and 2016.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

PPI is a think-tank that works for pragmatic solutions to public policy issues through the writing and analysis of policy proposals and hosting of public and private events.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
	\$1350	\$770	\$400	\$0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate				
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts				

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

A) The meetings and events are a continuation of the work PPI has done in Europe and not arranged because of congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

Key EU public policy and political decisions are being made in the locations of this trip.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Hilton Paris Opera; Hilton Brussels; Hilton Berlin

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

Location and cost

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

All daily expenses are under the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

This mission will provide coach plane and train travel.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

N/A

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (You must include the completed signature block below for each travel sponsor.):

Signature of Travel Sponsor: 

Name and Title: Lindsay Mark Lewis, Executive Director

Name of Organization: Progressive Policy Institute (PPI)

Address: 1200 New Hampshire Ave, NW Suite 575 Washington, D.C. 20036

Telephone Number: 202-617-4042

Fax Number: 202-525-3941

E-mail Address: llewis@ppionline.org

2017 PPI EU Mission Agenda

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Discussion on policy priorities of President Francois Hollande
Number 37 Quai d'Orsay, 75007 Paris

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Pascal Saint-Amans, Director of Centre for Tax Policy and Administration
*Discussion on Base-Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) tax principles,
cybersecurity, terrorism financing*
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- 4PM Arrive at Hotel
Hilton Brussels City
Place Charles Rogier 20, 1210 Brussels
- 4:30PM-6PM Meeting with European Parliament with Parliament Leaders
Discussion on EU government and political parties
Rue Wiertz 60, 1047 Brussels
- 6PM-7PM Reception with European Parliament Staff
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- 7:30PM-10PM Dinner with POLITICO EU
Ryan Heath, Senior EU Correspondent, and Bennet Richardson, Executive
Director of Advertising & Business Development
European politics and media
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(DG Trade)
*Discussion on the status and future of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment
Partnership (T-TIP)*
Christian Burgsmuller, Member of Cabinet
European Commission
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200 1049 Brussels

11AM-12PM Meeting with the Directorate General for Competition (DG Competition)
Carles Esteve Mosso, Deputy-Director General
Discussion on EU competition and anti-trust policy
European Commission
Place Madou 1, 1210 Saint-Josse-ten-Noode Brussels

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Discussion on US-EU relations
EEAS Building, 9A Rond Point Schuman 1046 Brussels

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Platz der Republik 1, 11011 Berlin
- 12:30PM-2PM Lunch Meeting with German MPs
Green, Social Democrat, and Conservative Parties
Discussion on German foreign affairs
German Bundestag
Platz der Republik 1, 11011 Berlin
- 2:15PM-3:15PM Private Breakout Discussions with MPs, Government Ministry Representatives,
Think Tank Scholars, and Industry Representatives
German Bundestag
Platz der Republik 1, 11011 Berlin
- 4:30PM-6PM Public Event: "Fake News and Its Impact on the German Election"
Location TBA
- 6:15PM-7:15PM Farewell Reception with PPI & DPZ
Das Progressive Zentrum
Werftstraße 3, 10557 Berlin

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13405 Berlin
- 9:55AM Flight Departs for Washington, D.C.
- 3:45PM Flight Arrives at Washington Dulles International Airport
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Suite 575 | Washington, DC 20036
Tel 202 525 3926
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Senate Invitees

Brian Appel, Legislative Director/Legislative Counsel, Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO)

Brian Appel serves as Legislative Director and Counsel to Senator Bennet, who is a member of the Senate Finance Committee, advising the Senator on issues related to tax and trade. This mission will in part explore how to reboot transatlantic trade negotiations and how to better harmonize US-EU tax rules.

Virgilio Barerra, Legislative Director, Senator Martin Heinrich (D-NM)

Virgilio "Lio" Barrera currently serves as Senator Martin Heinrich's Legislative Director. This mission will focus in part on US-EU security cooperation, as well as explore the importance of the transatlantic economic partnership. These topics are relevant to the Senator's work as a Member of the Senate Armed Services and Intelligence Committees and as Ranking Member of the Joint Economic Committee.

Kevin Bishop, Communications Director, Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC)

Kevin Bishop is a top advisor to Senator Lindsey Graham, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism and member of the Senate Armed Services Committee. This mission will in part focus on US-EU security cooperation, cybersecurity, and terrorism financing relevant to the Senator's work.

Pablo Carillo, Chief of Staff, Senator John McCain (R-AZ)

Pablo Carillo is Chief of Staff to Senator John McCain, Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee and member of the Senate Intelligence and Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committees. This mission will in part focus on US-EU security cooperation, cybersecurity, and terrorism financing relevant to the Senator's work.

Patrick Hayes, Chief of Staff, Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV)

Patrick Hayes currently serves as Chief of Staff to Senator Joe Manchin, a member of the Senate Armed Services, Intelligence, and Commerce Committees. This mission will in part focus on US-EU security cooperation, cybersecurity, and terrorism financing, as well as the importance of open cross border data flows, relevant to the Senator's work.

Susan Wheeler, Chief of Staff, Senator Mike Crapo (R-ID)

Susan Wheeler is Chief of Staff to Senator Crapo, who serves on the Senate Judiciary Committee, as well as the Senate Finance and Joint Taxation Committees. This mission will explore European tax, competition, and trade policies and their impact on the US-EU relationship, which is related to the Senator's work.

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Suite 575 | Washington, DC 20036

Tel 202 525 3926
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On behalf of the Progressive Policy Institute (PPI), I'd like to invite you to join us for a transatlantic dialogue in Paris, Brussels and Berlin from Monday, April 17 to Saturday, April 22, 2017. This bipartisan mission is designed for Chiefs of Staff and other senior congressional staff.

This will be PPI's fourth consecutive year taking top-level congressional staff to Europe. However, with a new White House and ever changing political dynamics across Europe, this will be our most consequential trip to date. The desire from key players in Europe to meet and talk with key players from Congress is at a significantly heightened level, and we think it is important, as American policy professionals, to experience and learn about the current European view not represented in press reports.

Our delegation will engage European regulators, political leaders, journalists, and industry professionals on issues related to:

- Ongoing competition investigations targeting US multi-nationals, including State Aid cases
- The impact of European privacy laws and encryption proposals on digital trade and data flows
- How the EU and European member states could respond to a US border adjustment tax
- The U.S. commitment to NATO and its future
- How to reboot transatlantic trade talks and preventing a shift to China by the EU
- The political landscape across Europe and its impact on the future of the European Union
- The effect of Brexit on the EU and US when it occurs in 2018

PPI is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization with the mission of providing educational programming on current policy issues. As such, this mission will comply with House and Senate ethics rules. PPI was part of the founding and push for the "Third Way" movement in the 1990s and has continued this work since then by maintaining relationships in Europe and producing informative and thought provoking transatlantic missions.

I hope that you will be able to join us in what promises to be an insightful and educational mission to Europe. Space is limited; please contact Cody Tucker at 202-775-0106 or ctucker@ppionline.org if you have questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

Lindsay M. Lewis
Executive Director

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